Sale of Surplus Land of Textile Mills

443. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to sell surplus land with the textile mills;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the amount accrued therefrom shall be used to modernise and start these mills;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Government has approved the revival plan for NTC envisaging revival of all revivable units and closure of non-revivable mills after giving attractive VRS options to workers. The Government proposes to fund the revival plan largely through the sale of surplus land of NTC mills. Proposal for revival have been submitted to the Operating Agency by the NTC who will file the Draft Rehabilitation Scheme before the BIFR.

In respect of BIC Woollen mills, the Govenment has approved a revival plan to be largely funded through sale of surplus lands.

Textile crisis in the Country

444. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Ministry has been drawn to the news circulated by PTI/UNI on 17th June, 2001, which appeared on 18th June, 2001 in dailies, including Ganasakti Calcutta over Textile crisis;

(b) whether it is a fact that FICCI in its recent report has concluded that 121 composite mills are closed and export has gone down by 50 per cent; and

(c) if so, the response of Government?